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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SATURDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. NYERERE. AT THE RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FOR NYERERE, TANZANIAN FOREIGN MI AFFAIRS MINISTER MKAPA TOLD ME THAT THEY HAD JUST COME FROM A MEETING WITH SAM NUJOMA AND THAT NUJOMA AGREED TO STAY IN NEW YORK FOR THE ANTICIPATED MEETING NEXT WEEK WITH THE CONTACT GROUP. MKAPA WENT ON TO SAY THAT THEY HAD TOLD NUJOMA THAT THE SWAPO DELEGATION SHOULD STICK WITH THE TASK IN NEW YORK UNTIL A SOLID PLAN FOR NAMIBIA HAS BEEN WORKED OUT. MKAPA SAID THAT WE ARE "MUCH CLOSER" TO A SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM THAN WE ARE IN RHODESIA.

ON THE WAY TO THE DEPARTURE CEREMONY THIS MORNING, NYERERE
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RECURRED TO THE QUESTIONS OF CUBANS IN ANGOLA. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE CUBANS' PRESENCE THERE AND WOULD SPEAK TO NETO ABOUT THE MATTER. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS A STRONG NEED TO GIVE REASSURANCE TO THE ANGOLANS (MEANING, OF COURSE, MPLA) THAT THEY WILL NOT BE THREATENED BY OUTSIDE FORCES.

WE HEARD FROM AMMAN THIS MORNING THAT CY WILL EXTEND HIS STAY IN LONDON AN EXTRA DAY SO THAT HE CAN SEE NYERERE THERE ON AUGUST 13. HE WILL ALSO SEE MUZOREWA IN LONDON

ON THE SAME DAY.

2. SOVIET APPREHENSION OVER MIDDLE EAST REPORTS. THE SOVIET CHARGE CAME IN TO SEE ME THIS AFTERNOON WITH URGENT INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPRESS SOVIET APPREHENSION OVER REPORTS FROM EGYPT THAT THE SECRETARY IS ARRANGING FOR AN ARAB-ISRAELI WORKING GROUP, WITHOUT SOVIET OR PLO PARTICIPATION, TO PREPARE A GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE ALSO REFERRED TO REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY HAD SAID IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO TALK ABOUT RESUMING GENEVA THIS YEAR. I TOLD HIM THE REPORTS WERE INACCURATE AND THAT CY'S EFFORTS ON HIS CURRENT MIDDLE EAST TRIP WERE ALL BENT TOWARD ACHIEVING A GENEVA CONFERENCE THIS YEAR. I PROMISED HIM A FULL FORMAL RESPONSE THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK, AND I HAVE CABLED CY ASKING FOR ADVICE ON POINTS HE WANTS US TO MAKE IN THAT RESPONSE.

EXPRESSING HIS PRIVATE VIEW, THE SOVIET CHARGE AGREED WITH ME THAT MOSCOW WAS PERHAPS REACTING TO OLD REPORTS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED BY CY'S SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS.

3. SOMALIA. A TWO-MAN SOMALI MILITARY TEAM WILL MEET WITH STATE AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS MONDAY AND TUESDAY BEFORE
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RETURNING, VIA LONDON, TO MOGADISCIO. IN PREPARATION FOR THE TALKS, DICK MOOSE CALLED IN AMBASSADOR ADDOU ON THURSDAY. ADDOU REQUESTED OUR URGENT ACTION ON ARMS BEFORE ETHIOPIA ATTACKED SOMALIA. HE SAID THAT IF U.S. ARMS COULD NOT BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST, WE SHOULD PERMIT THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS FROM IRAN OR SAUDI ARABIA. OTHERWISE, ADDOU SAID THAT SIAD WOULD BE FORCED TO CONTINUE HIS DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS. MOOSE REPLIED THAT, WHILE OUR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE ARTICLES STILL STANDS, THE ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING IN THE OGADEN HAS CREATED SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND WILL REQUIRE A RESTRAINED RESPONSE.

AS WE DID WITH ADDOU, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE SOMALI TEAM UNDERSTANDS THE LEGAL, BUREAUCRATIC AND POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS ON U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES AS WELL AS THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF OUR PROVIDING ARMS UNTIL THE ISSUE OF OGADEN IS RESOLVED. AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL ALSO INFORM THEM THAT WE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH ANY SUPPORT THEY MIGHT GET FROM OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES. THE BRITISH HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY, TOO, WILL BE MOVING SLOWLY WITH THE SOMALIS.

4. FLARE-UP ON THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER. CONTINUING BORDER FRICTION BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND THAILAND LED TO THREE SHARP CLASHES DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY. KHMER GROUND PROBES HAVE MET WITH A RESTRAINED THAI AIR AND ARTILLERY RE-

SPONSE. A BOUNDARY DISPUTE COULD BE THE DIRECT CAUSE FOR ONE OF THE RECENT INCIDENTS. THE OTHER TWO MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY LOCAL KHMER COMMANDERS WHO OVERZEALOUSLY INTERPRETED THEIR ORDERS TO DEFEND CAMBODIAN TERRITORY, OR BY CAMBODIAN TROOPS DRIVEN BY FOOD SHORTAGES TO FORAGE INSIDE THAILAND.

OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT ALTHOUGH THESE CLASHES ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE, THEY WILL REMAIN CONFINED. WHEN I WAS IN BANGKOK
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RECENTLY, THE THAI LEADERS DID NOT APPEAR UNDULY ALARMED BY THE BORDER CLASH WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE THE PRECEDING DAY, AND DID NOT ASK FOR ASSISTANCE.

5. NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION. THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HIRC REPORTED OUT NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION THIS WEEK BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. BOTH BILLS ARE BASED ON THE LEGISLATION THE ADMINISTRATION SUBMITTED LAST APRIL AND CONTAIN THE NEW EXPORT LICENSING CRITERIA WE SOUGHT. THEY ALSO PROVIDE THE FIRM BASIS FOR ENTERING INTO NEW NUCLEAR SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WE NEED. BOTH CONTAIN SOME PROVISIONS WE DID NOT SEEK, AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH STAFF AND INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES TO IMPROVE THE LEGISLATION AS IT PROCEEDS TO CONFERENCE. THE HOUSE SHOULD PASS ITS BILL IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. SENATE ACTION WILL BE DELAYED PENDING REFERRALS TO THE ENERGY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES.

6. EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION. SOVIET EMIGRATION PERFORMANCE CONTINUED TO IMPROVE IN JULY. SOME 1,300 EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL WERE ISSUED TO SOVIET JEWS, AN INCREASE OF OVER 40 PERCENT COMPARED TO JULY 1976. THE NUMBER OF JEWISH SOVIET EMIGRANTS THUS FAR THIS YEAR IS 8,671, NEARLY 1,000 ABOVE LAST YEAR'S TOTAL FOR THE SAME PERIOD. AND, AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE DOING SOMEWHAT BETTER ON DIVIDED FAMILY CASES. EIGHTEEN CASES INVOLVING 62 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY THE SOVIETS SINCE CY APPROACHED GROMYKO LAST MARCH. IN THE SEVEN MONTHS PRIOR TO MARCH ONLY EIGHT CASES INVOLVING 20 INDIVIDUALS WERE SETTLED. THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE PROBABLY RELATED TO THE IMMINENCE OF THE BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE AND THE SOVIET DESIRE TO MAKE A BETTER SHOWING ON CARRYING OUT THE HUMANITARIAN
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7. PANAMA. ATTACHED IS A STATUS REPORT FROM ELLSWORTH AND SOL ON THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATION, AS THEY DEPARTED

FOR PANAMA TODAY. (BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.)

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